GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Impact of Noise Pollution
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that one of the major reason for noise pollution is honking;
(b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any study to examine the impact of noise pollution on human health;
(c) if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether there is any regulation to limit the decibel levels of horns; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to create no honking zones primarily in urban areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)Honking is one of the sources of noise pollution especially in cities/towns.

(b)&(c) Ministry/Central Pollution Control Board has not undertaken any study to ascertain the impact of noise pollution on human health.

(d) The fitment of horn is regulated by the provisions of Rule 119 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

(e)The Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 provide for regulating noise levels in various areas/zones and establishing zones of silence near schools, courts, hospitals, etc. Separate ambient noise levels are fixed for industrial, commercial and residential areas and silence zones. State Government/UT Administration have designated Authority under the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 for maintenance of ambient air quality standards in respect of noise.

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